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Re: European Pat. Appln. No. 90312672.0
Your File: 31787
Our File: PM-1337(EPO)

Dear Patrick:

I have reviewed the European Search Report enclosed with your April 23, 1992 letter to Beverly Monroe. The two references were cited by us to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the U.S. application, which has issued, but were not applied by the Examiner. Accordingly, I see no reason to depart from our usual practice of not commenting on the references until they are applied in substantive examination. That is particularly true where, as here, the references are cited as technological background only.

I note that these references were also cited by us to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related case PM-1345 and that an R.J. Reynolds patent (U.S. 4,947,875) related to the cited R.J. Reynolds European specification was applied by the U.S. Examiner. Accordingly, when the time comes, it may be appropriate to take some action in PM-1345(EPO).

Very truly yours,

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